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Annotations

1. Election of officers

In its resolution 2003/31, entitled "Functioning of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice", the Economic and Social Council decided that, with effect from 2004, the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice should, at the end of each session, elect its bureau for the subsequent session and should encourage the bureau to play an active role in the preparation of the regular session as well as the informal intersessional meetings of the Commission, so as to enable the Commission to provide continuous and effective policy guidance to the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme. It also decided that the Chair of the Commission should, whenever appropriate, invite the Chairs of the five regional groups, the Chair of the Group of 77 and China and the representative of or observer for the State holding the Presidency of the European Union to participate in the meetings of the bureau.

Pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 2003/31 and rule 15 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Council, the Commission, at the end of its reconvened twenty-third session, on 5 December 2014, opened its twenty-fourth session for the sole purpose of electing its bureau for that session. The Commission elected the Chair and the First Vice-Chair. The nomination for the office of Second Vice-Chair remained pending until 12 December 2014, when the Asia-Pacific States nominated Mitsuru Kitano of Japan. The nomination for the office of Rapporteur remained pending until 16 January 2015, when the Eastern European States nominated Albin Otruba of Slovakia. The nomination for the office of Third Vice-Chair remained pending until the intersessional meeting of the

Commission on 6 February 2015, when the African States nominated Michael Adipo Okoth Oyugi of Kenya.

The Commission is expected to elect the Second Vice-Chair, Third Vice-Chair and Rapporteur during its consideration of item 1 of the present provisional agenda.

In view of the rotation of offices based on regional distribution, the officers elected for the twenty-fourth session of the Commission and their respective regional groups are listed below.

Office	*Region*	*Officer*
Chair	Latin American and Caribbean States	Luis Alfonso de Alba (Mexico)
First Vice-Chair	Western European and other States	Bente Angell Hansen (Norway)
Second Vice-Chair	Asia-Pacific States	Mitsuru Kitano (Japan) (*designate*)
Third Vice-Chair	African States	Michael Adipo Okoth Oyugi (Kenya) (*designate*)
Rapporteur	Eastern European States	Albin Otruba (Slovakia) (*designate*)

A group composed of the Chairs of the five regional groups, the Chair of the Group of 77 and China and the representative of or observer for the State holding the Presidency of the European Union has been established to assist the Chair of the Commission and to participate in the meetings of the bureau, pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 2003/31.

2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

Rule 7 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council provides that the Commission shall, at the beginning of each session, adopt the agenda for that session on the basis of the provisional agenda.

In its decision 2014/230, the Economic and Social Council took note of the report of the Commission on its twenty-third session and approved the provisional agenda and documentation for the twenty-fourth session of the Commission.

Following the adoption of the agenda, the Commission may wish to establish a timetable and agree on the organization of work for the twenty-fourth session. A proposed organization of work is contained in the annex to the present document.

As agreed by the Commission at its reconvened twenty-third session, the twenty-fourth session of the Commission will be held from 18 to 22 May 2015, with pre-session consultations to be held on 15 May 2015, the working day preceding the first day of the session.

Draft resolutions should be submitted as early as possible in order to enable productive discussions during the pre-session consultations. In accordance with Commission decisions 21/1 and 22/2, the firm deadline for the submission of draft resolutions would normally be one month in advance of the commencement of the session. As agreed at its reconvened twenty-third session in December 2014, exceptionally, the firm deadline for the submission of draft resolutions for

consideration at the twenty-fourth session of the Commission is set for Monday, 4 May 2015, at noon, in view of the conclusion of the Thirteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on 19 April 2015. Draft resolutions should be accompanied by such information as the intended scope, a proposed timetable for implementation, identification of resources available and other relevant information.

As noted by the Commission at its reconvened twenty-third session, a workshop organized by the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme network will be held in the afternoon of the first day of the twenty-fourth session, as was done in previous years, prior to the Committee of the Whole taking up its consideration of draft proposals and under the chairmanship of a member of the bureau. The workshop will focus on the topic of the thematic discussion, namely "Follow-up to the Thirteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice".

Pursuant to Economic and Social Council decision 2011/259, the Commission will hold its reconvened twenty-fourth session back to back with the reconvened fifty-eighth session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, on 10 and 11 December 2015.

Documentation

Provisional agenda and annotations (E/CN.15/2015/1)

3. Strategic management, budgetary and administrative questions

(a) Work of the standing open-ended intergovernmental working group on improving the governance and financial situation of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime

(b) Directives on policy and budgetary issues for the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme

(c) Working methods of the Commission

(d) Staff composition of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and other related matters

For its consideration of item 3, the Commission will have before it the report of the Executive Director on the activities of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) (E/CN.7/2015/2-E/CN.15/2015/2), which contains an overview of the activities conducted by UNODC during 2014 with respect to, inter alia, regional cooperation initiatives; countering corruption, terrorism and transnational organized crime; criminal justice; research, trend analysis and scientific and forensic support; and the strengthening of UNODC.

The Economic and Social Council, in its decision 2013/246, decided to renew the mandate of the standing open-ended intergovernmental working group on improving the governance and financial situation of UNODC until the part of the sessions of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice to be held in the first half of 2015, at which time the Commission should carry out a thorough review of the functioning of the working group and consider the extension of its mandate. The terms of reference of the working group are contained in the annex to Commission resolution 18/3. At its

twenty-fourth session, the Commission will have before it a note by the Secretariat on the work of the working group, and recommendations of that working group with regard to its mandate and future work (E/CN.7/2015/6-E/CN.15/2015/6).

In its resolution 61/252, the General Assembly authorized the Commission to function as a governing body of UNODC, and to approve the budget of the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Fund, which provides resources for technical assistance in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice worldwide.

At its reconvened twenty-third session, the Commission adopted resolution 23/4, entitled "Implementation of the budget for the biennium 2014-2015 for the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Fund", in which it endorsed the revised estimates for the special-purpose funds for the Fund for that biennium. Also at that session, the Commission considered the report of the Executive Director on the implementation of the consolidated budget for the biennium 2014-2015 for UNODC (E/CN.7/2014/18-E/CN.15/2014/21).

Pursuant to its resolution 22/2, the Commission will have before it a report of the Secretariat on action taken by UNODC to implement resolutions and decisions relating to the crime programme of UNODC since 2012 (E/CN.15/2015/11).

At the twenty-third session of the Commission, in May 2014, a number of speakers noted that the Commission should continue improving its methods of work, especially as they pertained to the consideration of draft resolutions, and, in that connection, the importance of the principle of multilingualism, was emphasized. A proposal was made to discuss the matter further at the twenty-fourth session under item 3 (c) of the provisional agenda, and it was agreed that the Secretariat would seek the views of Member States on ways to improve the manner in which draft resolutions are considered by the Commission and make the responses available to the Commission at its subsequent session. The responses received from States to a note verbale circulated by the Secretariat on 10 September 2014 were made available to the reconvened twenty-third session in a conference room paper (E/CN.15/2014/CRP.9). In order to facilitate consideration of this sub-item, the conference room paper and additional responses received after its issuance will be made available to the twenty-fourth session of the Commission.

Furthermore, at its reconvened twenty-third session, the Commission amended item 3 of the provisional agenda for its next session to include a sub-item (d) entitled "Staff composition of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and other related matters". Under this item, the Secretariat will provide an oral report to the Commission on its human resources policies, as guided by relevant decisions of the General Assembly and by the decisions of the Secretary-General, in line with his functions and prerogatives provided for in the Charter of the United Nations.

Documentation

Report of the Executive Director on the activities of UNODC (E/CN.7/2015/2-E/CN.15/2015/2)

Note by the Secretariat on the work of the standing open-ended intergovernmental working group on improving the governance and financial situation of UNODC (E/CN.7/2015/6-E/CN.15/2015/6)

Report of the Secretariat on action taken by UNODC to implement resolutions and decisions relating to the crime programme of the United Nations of Office on Drugs and Crime adopted since 2012 (E/CN.15/2015/11)

4. Thematic discussion on follow-up to the Thirteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice

As recommended by the Commission at its twenty-third session and approved by the Economic and Social Council in its decision 2014/230, the prominent theme for the twenty-fourth session of the Commission is "Follow-up to the Thirteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice".

Under this item, the Commission will have the opportunity to consider the outcome of the Thirteenth Congress, as contained in the relevant note by the Secretariat (E/CN.15/2015/7), together with its conclusions and recommendations.

In view of a request received from the President of the Economic and Social Council, the Commission, at its intersessional meeting held on 6 February 2015, endorsed the recommendation of the extended Bureau that, during its thematic discussion, the Commission consider matters related to the Council, including the input concerning the main theme of the Council for 2015, namely "Managing the transition from the Millennium Development Goals to the sustainable development goals: what will it take".

At that intersessional meeting it was noted that the theme of the thematic discussion allowed for the consideration of a broad range of issues and that a number of specific sub-themes might be identified. Furthermore, reference was made to the guidelines for thematic discussions contained in Commission decision 18/1, and regional groups were encouraged to submit proposals for the sub-themes and nominations for panellists for the morning and afternoon sessions of the discussion.

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat transmitting the outcome of the Thirteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (E/CN.15/2015/7)

5. Integration and coordination of efforts by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and Member States in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice

(a) Ratification and implementation of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols thereto

In its resolution 69/197, entitled "Strengthening the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme, in particular its technical cooperation capacity", the General Assembly reaffirmed that the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols thereto represented the most important tools of the international community for fighting transnational organized crime and noted with appreciation that the number of States parties to the Convention had reached 183, which was a significant indication of the commitment shown by the international community to combating transnational organized crime. The Assembly also urged Member States that had not yet done so to consider

ratifying or acceding to the Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols thereto.

In the same resolution, the Assembly recalled article 32 of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized and its resolution 68/193, in which, inter alia, the need for the establishment of a mechanism to review the implementation of the Convention and the Protocols thereto by States parties was reiterated, and underlined that the review of the implementation of the Convention was an ongoing and gradual process, and that it was necessary to explore all options regarding the establishment of a mechanism to assist the Conference of the Parties to the Convention in the review of the implementation of the Convention and the Protocols thereto, and invited Member States to continue the dialogue in this regard.

Furthermore, the Commission, in its resolution 22/3, reiterated its call on Member States that had not yet done so to consider ratifying or acceding to the Convention and the Protocols thereto and urged States parties to fully implement those instruments. In addition, it requested UNODC to keep raising awareness of the crucial relevance of the implementation of the Convention and the Protocols thereto in countering organized crime and to continue providing legislative and technical assistance in order to promote universal adherence to and implementation of the Convention and the Protocols thereto.

In that resolution, the Commission also encouraged UNODC to widely disseminate the technical assistance tools that have been developed, with a view to further improving the capacity of States to implement the Convention and the Protocols thereto, while promoting the exchange of experiences and good practices among practitioners in countering effectively transnational organized crime and in implementing the Convention and the Protocols thereto.

Information on the implementation of those resolutions will be included in the report of the Secretary-General on international cooperation in combating transnational organized crime and corruption (E/CN.15/2015/3).

(b) Ratification and implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption

In its resolutions 69/197 and 69/199, the General Assembly urged those Member States that had not yet done so to consider ratifying or acceding to the United Nations Convention against Corruption.

In its resolution 69/197, the Assembly urged Member States to strengthen bilateral, regional and international cooperation to enable the return of assets illicitly acquired from corruption to the countries of origin, upon their request, in accordance with the provisions of the United Nations Convention against Corruption for asset recovery, in particular chapter V, and requested UNODC, within its existing mandate, to continue providing assistance to bilateral, regional and international efforts for that purpose.

The Assembly also urged States parties to the Convention to continue to provide full support to the review mechanism adopted by the Conference of the States parties to the Convention.

Furthermore, in its resolution 69/199, the Assembly called for further international cooperation, inter alia, through the United Nations system, in support of national,

subregional and regional efforts to prevent and combat corrupt practices and the transfer and laundering of proceeds of corruption, in accordance with the principles of the Convention, and stressed the need for further cooperation and coordination among the different international, regional and subregional organizations and initiatives mandated to prevent and combat corruption.

In the same resolution, the Assembly also urged Member States to combat and penalize corruption in all its forms, as well as the laundering of proceeds of corruption, to prevent the acquisition, transfer and laundering of proceeds of corruption and to work for the prompt recovery of such assets in accordance with the principles of the Convention, including chapter V. The Assembly also welcomed the progress made in the first review cycle of the Mechanism for the Review of Implementation of the Convention and the efforts made by UNODC in support of the Mechanism, and encouraged the use of the lessons learned during the first review cycle in order to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the Mechanism, as well as the implementation of the Convention.

Information on the implementation of those resolutions will be included in the report of the Secretary-General on international cooperation in combating transnational organized crime and corruption (E/CN.15/2015/3).

(c) Ratification and implementation of the international instruments to prevent and combat terrorism

In its resolution 69/127, entitled "Measures to eliminate international terrorism", the General Assembly requested the Terrorism Prevention Branch of UNODC to continue its efforts to enhance, through its mandate, the capabilities of the United Nations in the prevention of terrorism, and recognized, in the context of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy and Security Council resolution 1373 (2001), its role in assisting States in becoming parties to and implementing the relevant international conventions and protocols relating to terrorism, including the most recent among them, and in strengthening international cooperation mechanisms in criminal matters related to terrorism, including through national capacity-building.

In the same resolution, the Assembly called upon all Member States, the United Nations and other appropriate international, regional and subregional organizations to implement the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy, as well as the resolutions relating to the first, second, third and fourth biennial reviews of the Strategy, in all its aspects at the international, regional, subregional and national levels.

Furthermore, in its resolution 69/197, the Assembly urged Member States that had not yet done so to consider ratifying or acceding to the international conventions and protocols related to terrorism, and urged States parties to those conventions and protocols to make efforts towards their full implementation.

In that resolution, the Assembly also reiterated its request to UNODC to enhance its technical assistance to Member States, upon request, to strengthen international cooperation in preventing and combating terrorism through the facilitation of the ratification and implementation of the universal conventions and protocols related to terrorism, in close consultation with the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism and its Executive

Directorate, as well as to continue to contribute to the work of the Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force.

Information on the implementation of those resolutions will be included in the report of the Secretary-General on assistance in implementing the international conventions and protocols related to terrorism (E/CN.15/2015/4).

(d) Other crime prevention and criminal justice matters

In its resolution 2014/23, entitled "Strengthening international cooperation in addressing the smuggling of migrants", the Economic and Social Council, inter alia, underlined the crucial role of the Organized Crime Convention and of the Smuggling of Migrants Protocol as the primary international legal instruments to combat smuggling of migrants and related conduct, and encouraged UNODC to continue providing, upon request, technical assistance aimed at strengthening the capacity of Member States to criminalize, investigate and prosecute the smuggling of migrants.

Furthermore, the General Assembly, in its resolution 68/192, entitled "Improving the coordination of efforts against trafficking in persons", invited the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice and the Working Group on Trafficking in Persons, established by the Conference of the Parties to the Organized Crime Convention, to consider the need for meetings of representatives of national coordinating mechanisms on combating trafficking in persons, with a view to facilitating, inter alia, better international coordination and information exchange on good practices to address the problem of trafficking in persons.

Information on the implementation of those mandates will be included in the report of the Secretary-General on international cooperation in combating transnational organized crime and corruption (E/CN.15/2015/3).

In its resolution 23/3, the Commission encouraged Member States to continue to strengthen their efforts to combat money-laundering, the financing of terrorism, corruption and transnational organized crime through, inter alia, effective implementation of financial intelligence tools, such as goAML. The Commission also requested UNODC to support Member States, upon their request, by continuing the development, implementation and maintenance of the goAML software within its current operational and funding modalities. A report of the Executive Director of UNODC on the progress made in the implementation of that resolution has been made available to the Commission for its consideration (E/CN.15/2015/15).

(e) Other activities in support of the work of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, in particular activities of the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme network, non-governmental organizations and other bodies

Pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 1989/56, the Board of Trustees of the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute, under the guidance of the Commission (as the successor to the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control, pursuant to Council resolution 1992/1), is to undertake relevant activities, including formulating principles, policies and guidelines for the activities of the Institute and reporting periodically to the Council through the Commission. A note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Board

of Trustees of the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute will be made available to the Commission (E/CN.15/2015/12).

The Commission will also have before it the report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the institutes of the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme network (E/CN.15/2015/10).

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on international cooperation in combating transnational organized crime and corruption (E/CN.15/2015/3)

Report of the Secretary-General on assistance in implementing the international conventions and protocols related to terrorism (E/CN.15/2015/4)

Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the institutes of the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme network (E/CN.15/2015/10)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Board of Trustees of the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute (E/CN.15/2015/12)

Report of the Executive Director of UNODC on strengthening the development and implementation of the goAML system (E/CN.15/2015/15)

6. Use and application of United Nations standards and norms in crime prevention and criminal justice

In section VII of its resolution 1992/22, the Economic and Social Council decided that the Commission should include in its agenda a standing item on existing United Nations standards and norms in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice, including their use and application.

In its resolution 2003/30, the Council decided to group those United Nations standards and norms into categories for the purpose of targeted collection of information and requested UNODC, in collaboration with the institutes comprising the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme network, to provide support to Member States requesting assistance with the use and application of those United Nations standards and norms.

In its resolution 69/197, the General Assembly encouraged Member States to take relevant measures, as appropriate to their national contexts, to ensure the diffusion, use and application of the United Nations standards and norms in crime prevention and criminal justice, including the consideration and, where they deemed it necessary, dissemination of existing manuals and handbooks developed and published by UNODC. The Commission will have before it for its consideration the report of the Secretary-General on use and application of United Nations standards and norms in crime prevention and criminal justice (E/CN.15/2015/8).

The Economic and Social Council, in its resolution 1745 (LIV), invited the Secretary-General to submit to it, at five-year intervals starting from 1975, periodic updated and analytical reports on capital punishment. The Council, in its resolution 1995/57, recommended that the quinquennial reports of the Secretary-General should continue to cover also the implementation of the

safeguards guaranteeing protection of the rights of those facing the death penalty. In the same resolution, the Council requested the Secretary-General, in preparing the quinquennial report, to draw on all available data, including current criminological research. The ninth quinquennial report reviews the use of and trends in capital punishment, including the implementation of the safeguards during the period 2009-2013. The Council, in its decision 2005/247, requested the Secretary-General to prepare additional quinquennial reports on the subject also for the consideration of the Commission and, upon request, the Human Rights Council (as the successor to the Commission on Human Rights). The report for 2015 has been made available to the Commission for its consideration.

In its resolution 68/191, entitled "Taking action against gender-related killing of women and girls", the Assembly requested the Secretary-General to convene an open-ended intergovernmental expert group meeting to discuss ways and means to more effectively prevent, investigate, prosecute and punish gender-related killing of women and girls, with a view to making practical recommendations, drawing also on current best practices, in consultation with relevant United Nations entities and human rights mechanisms. The meeting of the open-ended intergovernmental expert group was held from 11 to 13 November 2014 in Bangkok; the Commission will have before it for its consideration the outcome of that meeting (E/CN.15/2015/16).

In its resolution 69/192, the General Assembly decided to extend the mandate of the Expert Group on the Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners, authorizing it to continue its work, with the aim of reaching a consensus, and to present a report to the Thirteenth Congress for the information of the workshop on the role of the United Nations standards and norms in crime prevention and criminal justice in support of effective, fair, humane and accountable criminal justice systems, and to the Commission at its twenty-fourth session for consideration. The Expert Group will meet from 2 to 5 March and the Commission will have before it for its consideration the outcome of that meeting (E/CN.15/2015/17).

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on capital punishment and the safeguards guaranteeing protection of the rights of those facing the death penalty (E/2015/49)

Report of the Secretary-General on use and application of United Nations standards and norms in crime prevention and criminal justice (E/CN.15/2015/8)

Note by the Secretariat transmitting the report of the Secretary-General on capital punishment and implementation of the safeguards guaranteeing protection of the rights of those facing the death penalty (E/CN.15/2015/9)

Report of the Secretary-General on the outcome of the open-ended intergovernmental expert group on gender-related killing of women and girls (E/CN.15/2015/16)

Report of the Secretary-General on the outcome of the meeting of the Expert Group on the Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners (E/CN.15/2015/17)

7. World crime trends and emerging issues and responses in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice

Understanding and knowledge of crime trends and criminal justice indicators support effective policy formulation, operational response and impact assessment in the area of crime prevention. Regular international data-collection activities on crime trends and criminal justice and relevant analysis are mandated by the General Assembly in its resolution 46/152 and by the Economic and Social Council in its resolutions 1984/48, 1990/18, 1996/11 and 1997/27.

In its resolution 69/197, the Assembly invited Member States, and requested UNODC, within its existing mandate, to continue strengthening the regular collection, analysis and dissemination of accurate, reliable and comparable data and information, including, as appropriate, data disaggregated by sex, age and other relevant criteria, and strongly encouraged Member States to share such data and information with UNODC. The Assembly also requested UNODC to continue developing, in close cooperation with Member States, technical and methodological tools and trend analyses and studies to enhance knowledge on crime trends and support Member States in designing appropriate responses in specific areas of crime, in particular in their transnational dimension.

In that resolution, the Assembly also drew attention to the emerging policy issues identified in the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the mandates of the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme, with particular reference to the technical cooperation activities of UNODC (A/69/94), namely the issues of piracy, cybercrime, the use of new information technologies to abuse and exploit children, trafficking in cultural property, illicit financial flows, environmental crime, including illicit trafficking in endangered species of wild fauna and flora, as well as identity-related crime, and invited UNODC to explore, within its mandate, ways and means of addressing those issues, bearing in mind Economic and Social Council resolution 2012/12 on the strategy for the period 2012-2015 for UNODC.

In order to avoid duplication, the report on the state of crime and criminal justice worldwide presented to the Thirteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (A/CONF.222/4) is being made available to the Commission, in lieu of the annual note by the Secretariat on world crime trends and emerging issues and responses in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice.

Information on the implementation of the aforementioned mandates is also contained in the report of the Executive Director on the activities of UNODC (E/CN.7/2015/2-E/CN.15/2015/2).

In its resolution 2013/37, the Economic and Social Council requested UNODC to continue activities to improve statistical information on crime as per the road map set out to improve the quality and availability of crime statistics at the national and international levels and to report regularly on those activities to the Statistical Commission and to the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice. In accordance with that resolution, as well as Council decision 2014/219, UNODC prepared a report on the international classification of crime for statistical purposes (E/CN.3/2015/7), for the consideration of the Statistical Commission. That report has also been made available to the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice. Furthermore, in accordance with the same resolution and decision, the

National Institute of Statistics and Geography of Mexico and UNODC jointly prepared a report on crime statistics for the consideration of the Statistical Commission (E/CN.3/2015/8). That report has also been made available to the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice for information.

In its resolution 2013/38, the Economic and Social Council invited the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute, with the support of UNODC, to conduct a comprehensive study on the possible links between transnational organized crime, other criminal activities and illicit trafficking in precious metals, and requested the Executive Director of UNODC to report to the Commission at its twenty-fourth session on the implementation of that resolution. Since the required extrabudgetary resources were not made available in due time, the report on the implementation of that resolution will be presented to the Commission for consideration at its twenty-fifth session.

Documentation

Report of the Executive Director on the activities of UNODC (E/CN.7/2015/2-E/CN.15/2015/2)

Note by the Secretariat transmitting the report of the Secretary-General on the state of crime and criminal justice worldwide (E/CN.15/2015/5)

Note by the Secretariat transmitting the report of UNODC on the international classification of crime for statistical purposes (E/CN.15/2015/13)

Note by the Secretariat transmitting the report of the National Institute of Statistics and Geography of Mexico and UNODC on crime statistics (E/CN.15/2015/14)

8. Follow-up to the Thirteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice and preparations for the Fourteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice

In its resolution 68/185, the General Assembly decided to hold the Thirteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice in Doha from 12 to 19 April 2015, with pre-Congress consultations to be held on 11 April 2015.

In its resolution 69/191, the Assembly requested the Commission to begin, in accordance with Assembly resolution 68/185, the preparation of a short and concise draft declaration reflecting the theme of the Congress, at intersessional meetings to be held well in advance of the Congress, taking into account the recommendations of the regional preparatory meetings and consultations with relevant organizations and entities, and reiterated its invitation to Member States to be represented at the Thirteenth Congress at the highest appropriate level. The Assembly also requested the Commission to give high priority at its twenty-fourth session to considering the declaration of the Thirteenth Congress, with the view to recommending, through the Economic and Social Council, appropriate follow-up by the General Assembly at its seventieth session.

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat transmitting the outcome of the Thirteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (E/CN.15/2015/7)

9. Provisional agenda for the twenty-fifth session of the Commission

In accordance with rule 9 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council, the Commission will have before it the provisional agenda for its twenty-fifth session. With respect to the duration of the session and the submission of draft resolutions, the Commission should review the experience gained thus far and is invited to consider its programme of work in relation to the duration of its subsequent sessions, as well as the appropriateness of recent practice with respect to the deadline for the submission of draft resolutions. The Commission should also devote attention to the selection of the themes for the thematic discussion at its subsequent sessions and should consider making more definite arrangements regarding the duration of its future sessions.

10. Other business

No issues that need to be raised under item 10 have come to the attention of the Secretariat and no documentation on the item is currently foreseen.

11. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its twenty-fourth session

It is expected that the Commission will adopt the report on its twenty-fourth session on 22 May 2015, the last day of the session.

In its decision 2011/257, the Economic and Social Council decided that the Commission should make efforts to reduce the length of its annual reports, bearing in mind the need for such reports to include resolutions and decisions adopted or transmitted by the Commission at its sessions, as well as briefer summaries of its deliberations under each agenda item, focusing in particular on policy findings and conclusions reached. The Commission reaffirmed that commitment in its decisions 21/1 and 22/2.

Annex

Proposed organization of work

1. In its decision 1997/232, the Economic and Social Council decided that the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, in addition to plenary meetings, should be provided with full interpretation services for a total of 12 meetings for informal consultations on draft proposals and for meetings of open-ended working groups, with the precise allocation of time for the different types of meetings to be determined by the Commission under the agenda item entitled "Adoption of the agenda and organization of work", on the understanding that no more than two meetings would be held concurrently, in order to ensure maximum participation of delegations.

2. The proposed organization of work is subject to approval by the Commission. As soon as discussion on an item or sub-item has been concluded, the following one will be taken up, time permitting. Suggested meeting times are from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. The Committee of the Whole is scheduled to meet from the afternoon of Monday, 18 May, to the morning of Friday, 22 May 2015. A workshop on the theme of the thematic discussion ("Follow-up to the Thirteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice"), organized by the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme network, will be held in the afternoon of Monday, 18 May, prior to the Committee of the Whole taking up its consideration of draft proposals, under the chairmanship of a member of the Bureau.

3. The Commission, at its reconvened twenty-third session, decided that informal pre-session consultations would be held on Friday, 15 May 2015. The informal pre-session consultations could devote attention to, inter alia, a preliminary review of draft resolutions to be considered at the twenty-fourth session of the Commission, made available in advance, as well as the theme and sub-themes of the thematic discussion of the twenty-fifth session, the theme and sub-themes of subsequent sessions, the duration of the twenty-fifth session and other matters.

4. In accordance with established practice, the Commission will first consider draft resolutions in the Committee of the Whole before they are submitted to the plenary. Because the Thirteenth Congress ends on 19 April 2015, the firm deadline for the submission of draft resolutions is exceptionally set for noon on Monday, 4 May 2015. States intending to submit draft resolutions for consideration at the twenty-fourth session of the Commission are requested to submit them as early as possible but not after that date. To facilitate the work of the Commission, it is recommended that draft resolutions be submitted to the Secretariat in electronic form.

Informal pre-session consultations, 15 May 2015

Date and time	
Friday, 15 May	
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	Informal consultations
3-6 p.m.	Informal consultations

Twenty-fourth session, 18-22 May 2015

Date and time	*Plenary*	*Committee of the Whole*
Monday, 18 May		
10-11 a.m.	Opening of the session *Item 1.* Election of officers *Item 2.* Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters	
11 a.m.-1 p.m.	*Item 3.* Strategic management, budgetary and administrative questions (a) Work of the standing open-ended intergovernmental working group on improving the governance and financial situation of UNODC (b) Directives on policy and budgetary issues for the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme (c) Working methods of the Commission (d) Staff composition of UNODC and other related matters	
3-6 p.m.	*Item 3.* Strategic management, budgetary and administrative questions (*continued*)	Workshop on follow-up to the Thirteenth Congress
Tuesday, 19 May		
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	*Item 4.* Thematic discussion on follow-up to the Thirteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice	Consideration of draft resolutions
3-6 p.m.	*Item 4.* Thematic discussion on follow-up to the Thirteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (*continued*)	Consideration of draft resolutions (*continued*)
Wednesday, 20 May		
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	*Item 5.* Integration and coordination of efforts by UNODC and Member States in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice (a) Ratification and implementation of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols thereto (b) Ratification and implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption (c) Ratification and implementation of the international instruments to prevent and combat terrorism (d) Other crime prevention and criminal justice matters (e) Other activities in support of the work of UNODC, in particular activities of the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme network, non-governmental organizations and other bodies	Consideration of draft resolutions (*continued*)

Date and time	*Plenary*	*Committee of the Whole*
3-6 p.m.	*Item 5.* Integration and coordination of efforts by UNODC and Member States in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice (*continued*)	Consideration of draft resolutions (*continued*)
Thursday, 21 May		
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	*Item 6.* Use and application of United Nations standards and norms in crime prevention and criminal justice	Consideration of draft resolutions (*continued*)
3-6 p.m.	*Item 7.* World crime trends and emerging issues and responses in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice	Consideration of draft resolutions (*continued*)
	Item 8. Follow-up to the Thirteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice and preparations for the Fourteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice	
Friday, 22 May		
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	*Item 8.* Follow-up to the Thirteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice and preparations for the Fourteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (*continued*)	Consideration of draft resolutions (*continued*)
	Item 9. Provisional agenda for the twenty-fifth session of the Commission	
3-6 p.m.	*Item 10.* Other business	
	Item 11. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its twenty-fourth session	